



August 4, 2015

Tom Wheeler  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

With more than 3,000 business enterprises, civic organizations, educational institutions and individual members, the Austin Chamber of Commerce is a thriving organization with its pulse firmly on the needs of local business and the regional economy. Our mission is to provide leadership that facilitates the creation of a prosperous community and effective advocacy for our members. Our programs include economic development, education and talent development, public policy, transportation and infrastructure, technology, as well as business attraction, retention, and expansion.

Over the past several months, we have been paying close attention to the potential merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable, and Bright House Networks into New Charter. We are very impressed by the proposal and are confident New Charter would bring many benefits to our members and Austin's tech-savvy residents. We also are very pleased by New Charter's commitment to network neutrality and their ability to offer high-quality, affordable products.

New Charter would firmly commit to network neutrality by imposing zero data caps or usage-based billing. It would also engage in reasonable and non-discriminatory interconnection. These commitments are extremely important to our members because they ensure customers would not be hit unexpectedly by high fees. Businesses need to budget out into the future and unknown usage fees would, at a minimum, cause headaches and potentially result in financial instability.

New Charter would also provide the latest cloud-based technology, faster download speeds, and no modem fees. Their innovative products would allow our members access to the highest-quality technology. Most importantly, affordability would be a cornerstone of New Charter's model. Our members would have access to an entry level broadband speed of 60 Mbps, which is faster than any other package available but still costs less than many basement speeds.

On behalf of our members, we hope you will consider the benefits New Charter stands to bring to businesses in Austin and around the country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike Rollins'.

Michael W. Rollins, CCE  
President & CEO